Food problem.

15. *MR. P. M. VARGHESE (*Minachil* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken to meet the food problem with the natural resources within the State itself?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: 1. Procurement, stocking and State-wide rationing of foodgrains and control of their prices etc.

2. Opening of Departmental Manure Depots and stocking manures for sale to ryots at cost price and on crop loan basis with a view to increasing crop yield.

3. Manufacture of compost manure with town refuse and night-soil and with leaf-mould obtained from Reserve Forest areas for augmenting the local production of manure.

4. Conversion of single crop paddy lands in North Travancore into double crop lands under the Lift Irrigation Scheme.

5. Leasing out of lands from the Forest Reserves for the cultivation of paddy.

6. Cultivation of Vegetables on water free areas in the irrigation tanks.

7. Conduct of cultural demonstrations on ryots' lands to illustrate the possibilities of augmenting grain yield by using better manures, better seeds and better implements.

8. Carrying on of vigorous propaganda by the Officers of the Agricultural Department for putting every bit of available land under some food crop or other.

Paddy purchase scheme.

16. *MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the major portion of the people of the taluks of Meenachil and Todupuzha subsist on paddy received from outside their taluks; and

(*b*) if so, whether they will exempt those people from the present paddy purchase scheme?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes.
(*b*) *No.*

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH: മീനച്ചിൽ തൊടുപുഴ എന്നീ താലൂക്കുകളിൽ നിവസിക്കുന്ന ജനങ്ങൾക്കു അവരുടെ ആവശ്യത്തിലേക്കുള്ള നെല്ലു് തികയുന്നില്ല എന്ന ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു ബോദ്ധ്യമായിരിക്കെ അവരിൽനിന്നും നെല്ലു് എടുക്കണമെന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: അങ്ങിനെ വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ല.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly